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SUBJ: ITALIAN SITREP FROM DAMASCUS

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1. ITALIN FON MIN SEC.GEN. GAJA PHONED DCM AT 1330 HOURS LOCAL
TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF ITALIAN SITREP FROM DAMASCUS.

2. ACCORDING REPORT CITY "UNDER SIEGE" WITH ARTILLERY FIRE
REPORTEDLY HITTING OUTSKIRTS, AND HEAVY AIR ATTACK THIS
MORNING. ALSO, "RUMORS" CIRCULATING THAT ISRAELI PARATROOPS
HAVE LANDED NORTH OF CITY. DESPITE THIS, POPULATION REMAINS CALM.

3. ACCORDING GAJA, REPORT STATED THAT IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT
FOR ITALIAN EMBASSY TO CARRY OUT ITS PROTECTION OF US INTERESTS
FUNCTION, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF PHYSICAL SITUATION, BUT ALSO
BECAUSE OF INCREASED ANTI-US ATMOSPHERE CREATED BY REPORTS OF
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US INVOLVEMENT IN FIGHTING ON ISRAELI SIDE. GAJA SAID ITALIAN

EMBASSY HAD BEEN TOLD TO DO ITS BEST IN THIS REGARD, AND, OF COURSE, WOULD DO SO.

4. GAJA SAID, ACCORDING REPORT, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY NOT RPT NOT YET LEAVING CITY, AND ITALIANS BELIEVE DIPLOMATS SHOULD REMAIN UNLESS SARG "INVITES" THEM TO DEPART, AND THEN ONLY IF SYRIANS GUARANTEE THEIR PROTECTION. HE SAID IN ANY EVENT, ITALIANS PLANNING TO LEAVE SKELETON STAFF IN DAMASCUS. VOLPE

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